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BLADE

AND HIS NEW MENTOR,

DRACULA



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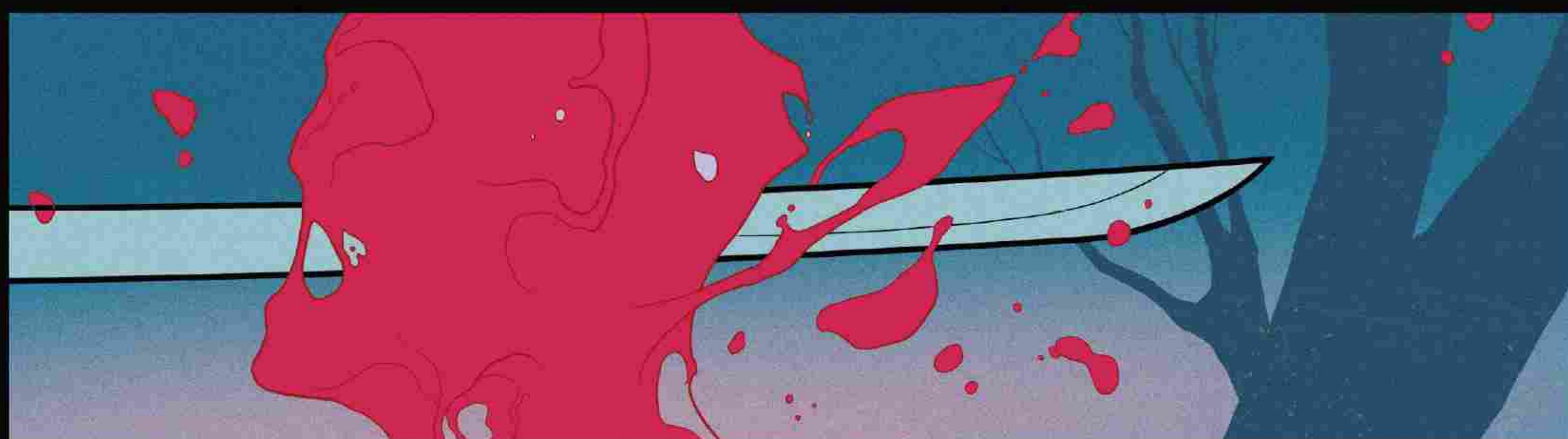
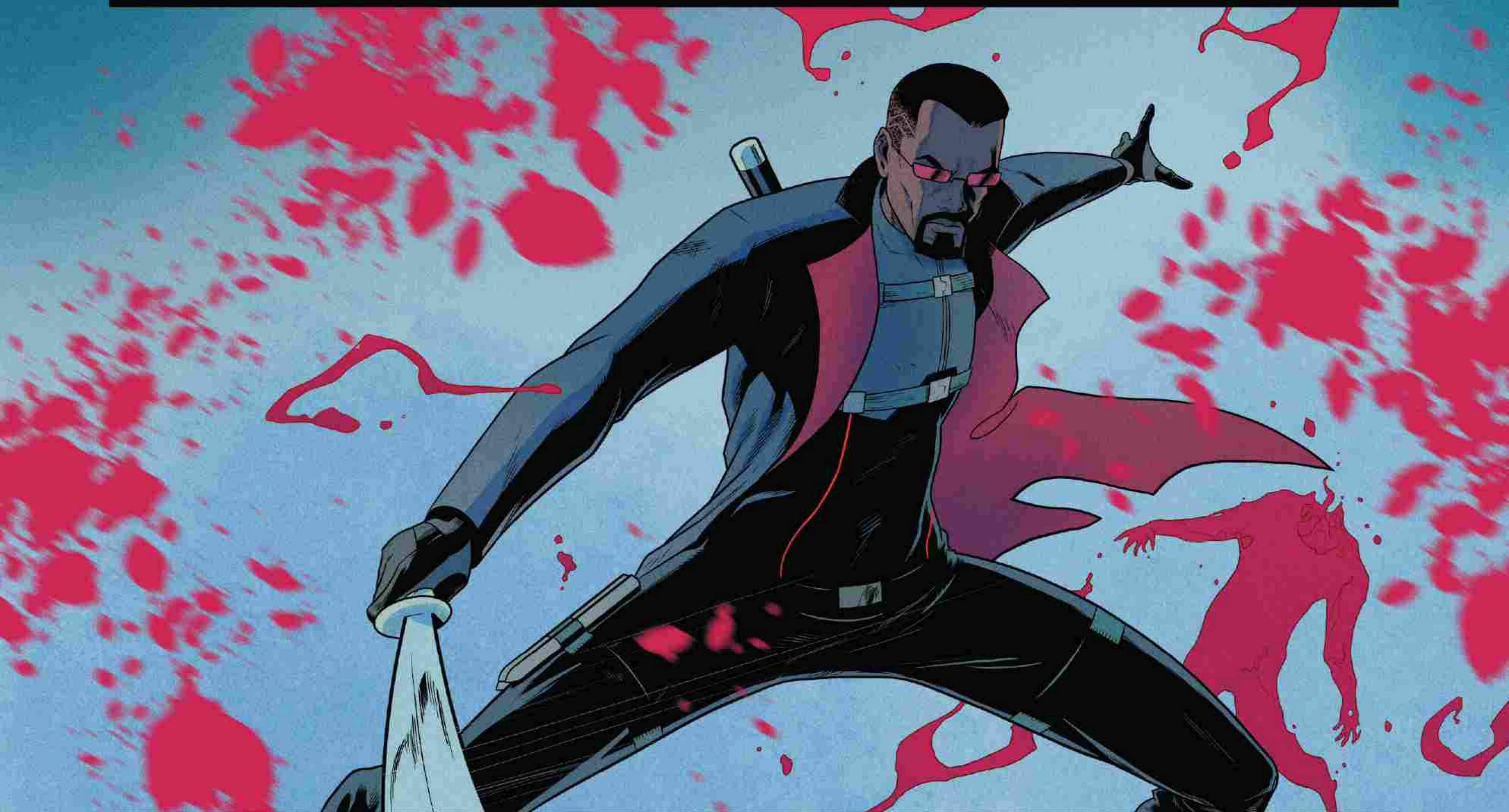
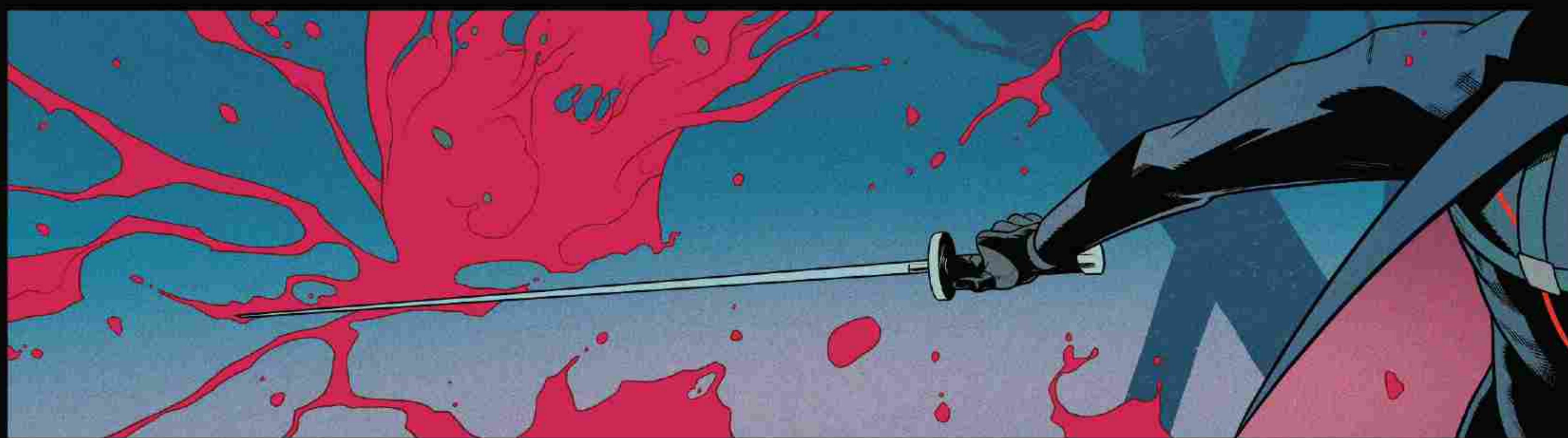
Keith Giffen

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Marvel Comics pays tribute to writer and artist Keith Giffen. The co-creator of Rocket Raccoon, Giffen wrote the *Annihilation* event series and a sequel spinoff *Annihilation: Conquest – Star-Lord*, which would pave the way for a *Guardians of the Galaxy* revival. His first published artwork appeared in “The Sword in the Star” featured in *Marvel Preview*, which included Rocket’s first appearance. He moved into more mainstream titles with *Defenders*, penciling the infamous non-team during some of its most nontraditional storylines. Giffen had a strong body of work at DC Comics, with *Legion of Super-Heroes*, *Justice League* and his irreverent creations Ambush Bug and Lobo. Our thoughts are with his fans, family, friends, and loved ones.

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I'VE SEEN
WHAT I NEEDED
TO SEE.

AND I
KNOW WHY
YOU FAILED.

ERIC BROOKS IS THE HALF-HUMAN/HALF-VAMPIRE HYBRID KNOWN AS BLADE. HE POSSESSES VAMPIRIC STRENGTH, SENSES AND LONGEVITY BUT IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND DAYLIGHT. BLADE HAS DEDICATED HIS LONG LIFE TO BATTLING SUPERNATURAL EVILS, AND HE IS ABOUT TO FACE HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE YET...

BLADE

MOTHER OF EVIL PART SIX

AFTER BLADE WAS TRICKED INTO UNLEASHING AN ANCIENT EVIL CALLED THE ADANA, BLADE ENLISTED THE HELP OF DOCTOR STRANGE TO STEAL THE ONLY WEAPON POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY HER: A MYTHIC SWORD CALLED LIGHTBRINGER. BUT LIGHTBRINGER WAS ACTUALLY THE KEY THE ADANA NEEDED TO UNLOCK ALL OF THE SUPERNATURAL HORRORS IN THE WORLD, TURNING AVERAGE PEOPLE INTO DEMONS, MONSTERS AND MORE, INCLUDING BINDING A DEMON TO TULIP, BLADE'S EX AND ALLY. ENRAGED, BLADE FACED THE ADANA AGAIN BUT WAS HANDILY DEFEATED, LEAVING HIM WOUNDED AND SEEKING THE ONLY MENTOR WHO CAN HELP HIM GROW HIS POWER—HIS FORMER SWORN FOE, DRACULA.

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YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU COULD MAKE **BLOOD ZOMBIES**.

YOU NEVER ASKED.



YOU CAME TO ME. TO LEARN. TO STOP THIS ADANA.

WHAT DO YOU THINK I CAN TEACH YOU, BLADE?

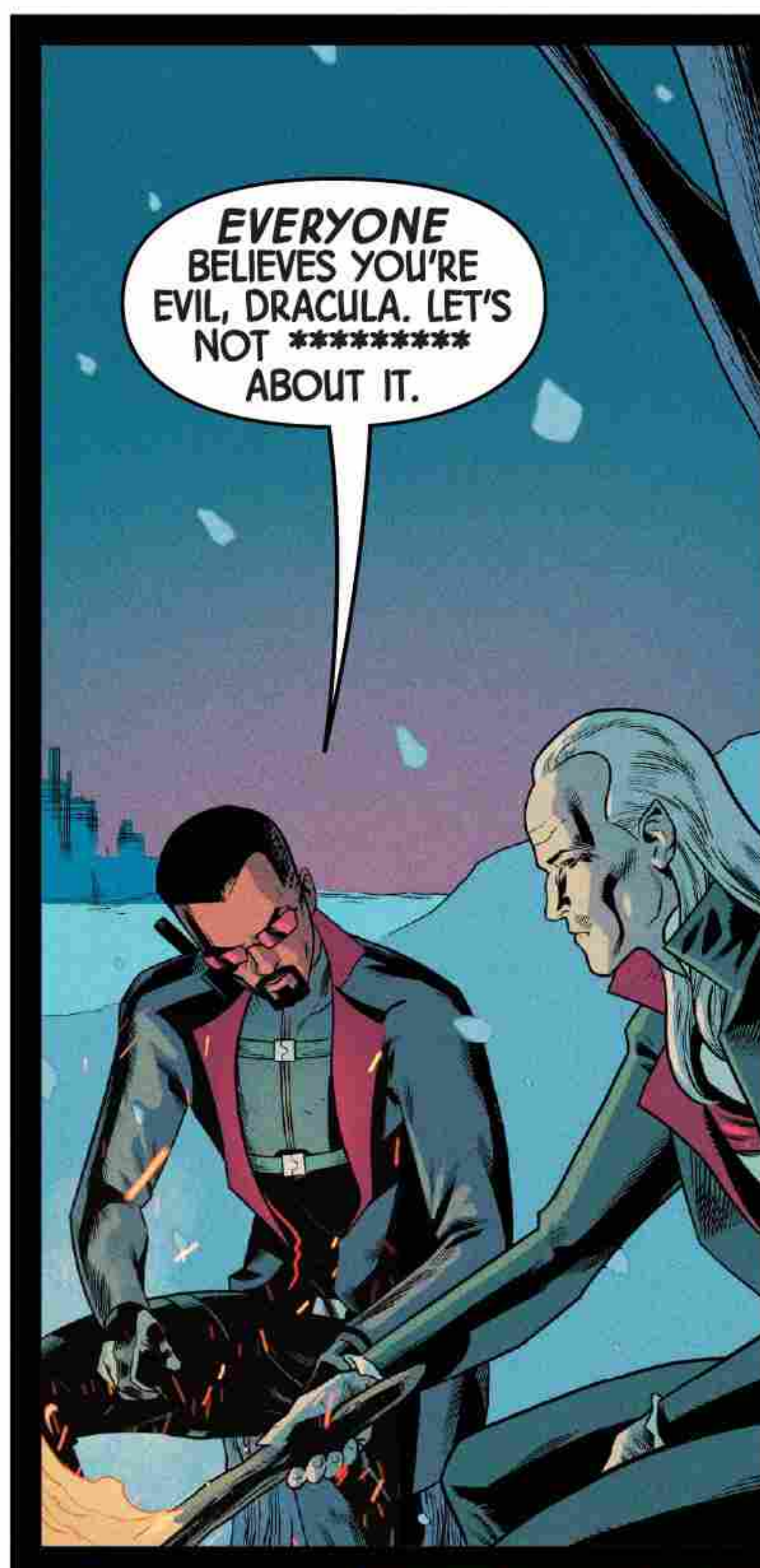


HOW TO USE EVIL AGAINST EVIL.



I SEE.

AND YOU BELIEVE I AM EVIL.

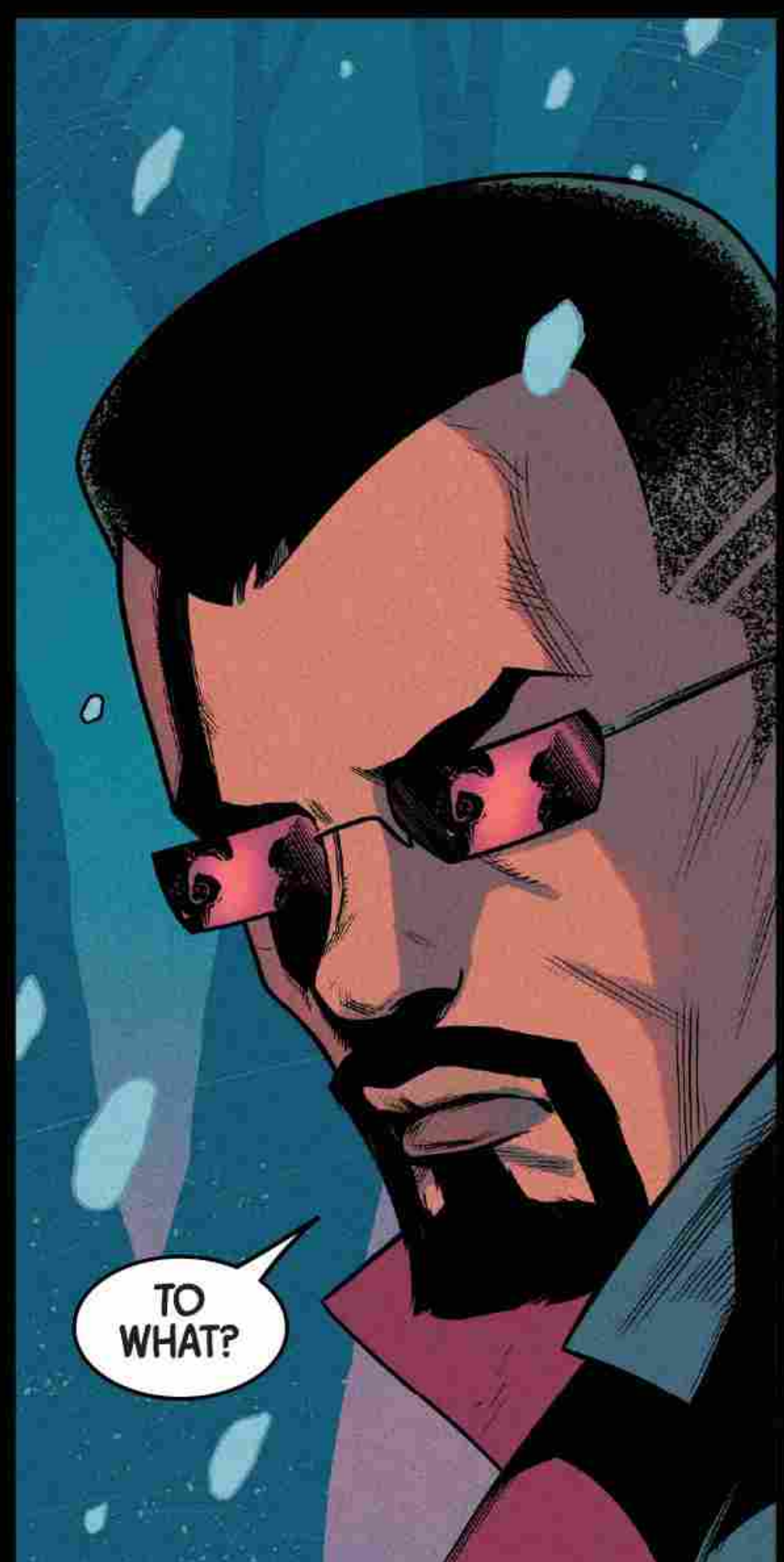


EVERYONE BELIEVES YOU'RE EVIL, DRACULA. LET'S NOT ***** ABOUT IT.



YOUR PROBLEM IS PERSPECTIVE, NOT POWER. YOU ARE SKILLED. I'VE FELT THE CUT OF THAT SKILL.

BUT YOU'RE BLIND, BLADE.



TO WHAT?



TO THE FORCES THAT EXIST INSIDE YOU. AND THE ADANA SEES ALL. SHE SEES *YOU*, UNTIL YOU EMBRACE YOURSELF, YOU CANNOT DESTROY HER.



AND I BET SEEING HER WIN DOESN'T BOTHER YOU ONE BIT.

DANGEROUS TO ASSUME INTENTION, BLADE.



I LOVE THIS WORLD MORE THAN YOU KNOW. FOLLOW ME.



ONCE I
HAD CASTLES.
NOW I HAVE
THIS.

YOU HAVE
A LITERAL
U.N.-RECOGNIZED
VAMPIRE NATION
AROUND THE
CORNER.

SPARE
ME THE
SELF-PITY.



A NATION
YOU ABANDONED.
BECAUSE YOU
ABANDON ANYTHING
THAT REQUIRES
RESPONSIBILITY.

I WAS
YOU, BEFORE
YOU.

YOU'RE
NOTHING LIKE ME,
DRACULA.



THE MAN
WHO STANDS
AGAINST...EVIL.
USING HIS
SWORD. AND
HIS ANGER.

SOUND
FAMILIAR?



I WORE
THIS. A KNIGHT
IN THE LEGIONS
OF THE
RIGHTEOUS.

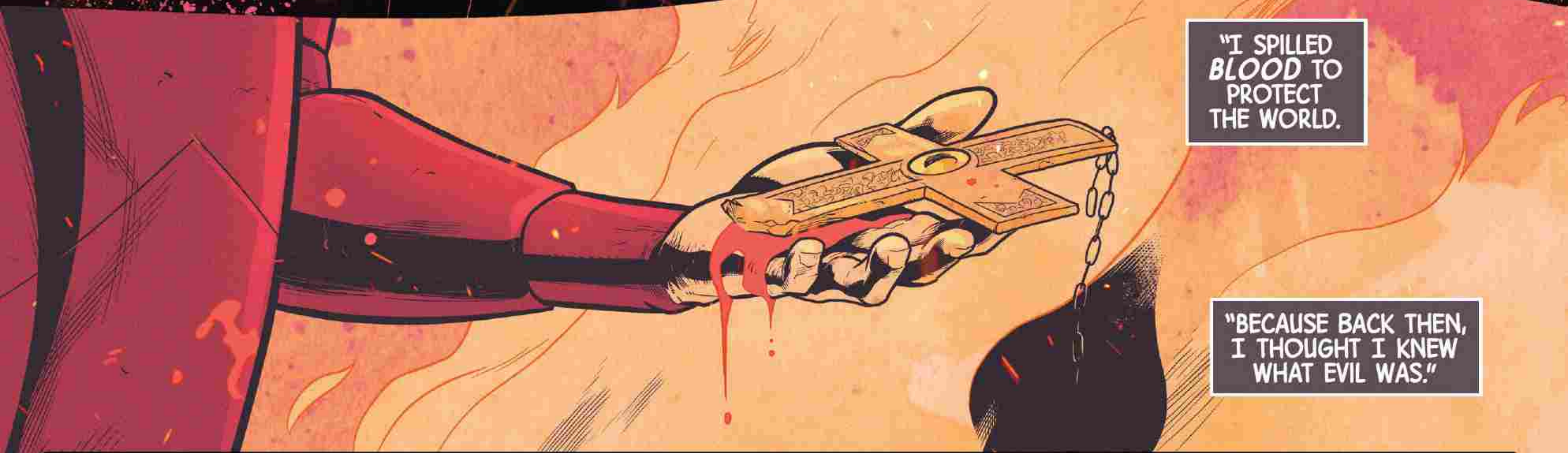
EVIL FIRST
KNEW ME
BECAUSE I
HUNTED IT.



"I FOUGHT FOR
THE GOD I BELIEVED
LOVED US.



"I SERVED
HIS CROSS.



"I SPILLED
BLOOD TO
PROTECT
THE WORLD.

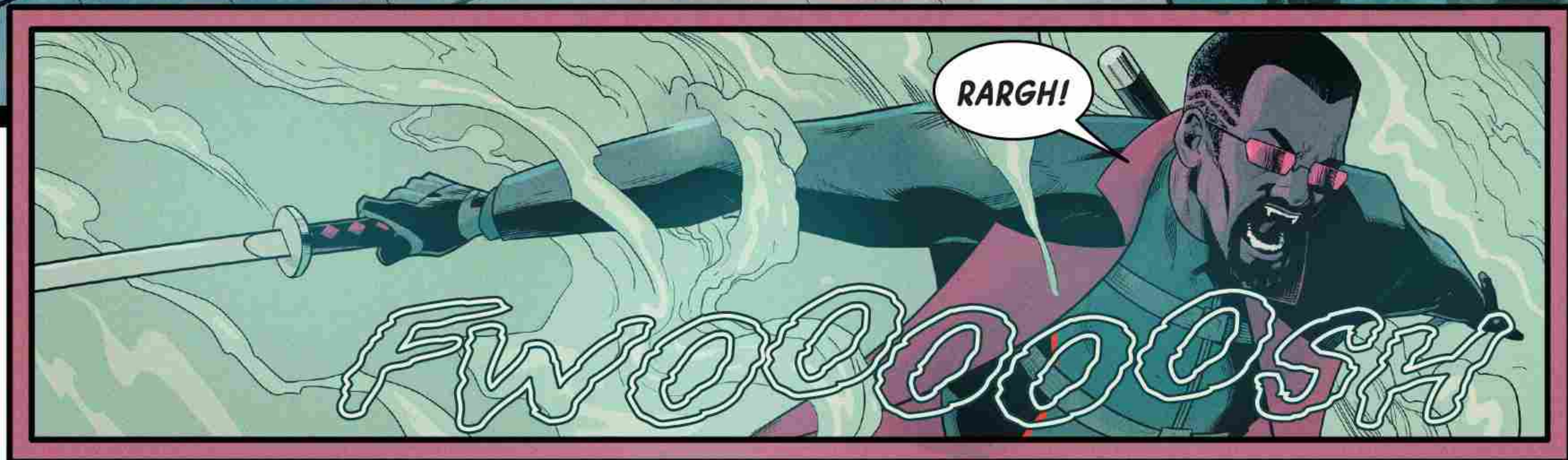
"BECAUSE BACK THEN,
I THOUGHT I KNEW
WHAT EVIL WAS."

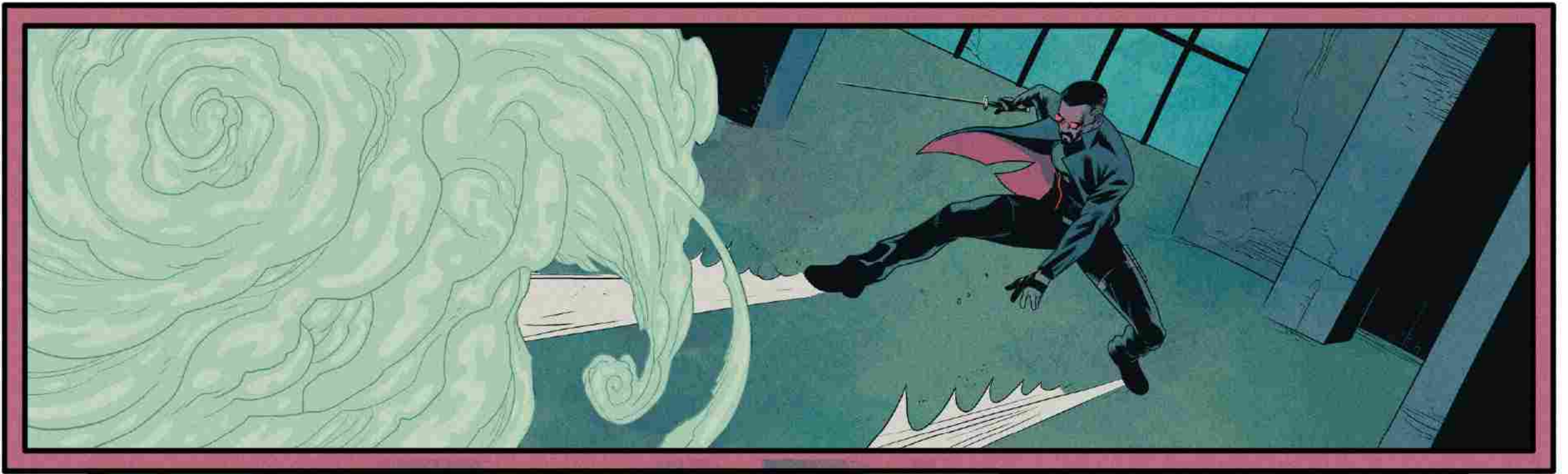


AND THEN...
WHEN I BECAME
THIS...I LEARNED
THAT I KNEW
NOTHING.



YOU NEED
TO LEARN THAT
WHICH YOU DO
NOT KNOW.



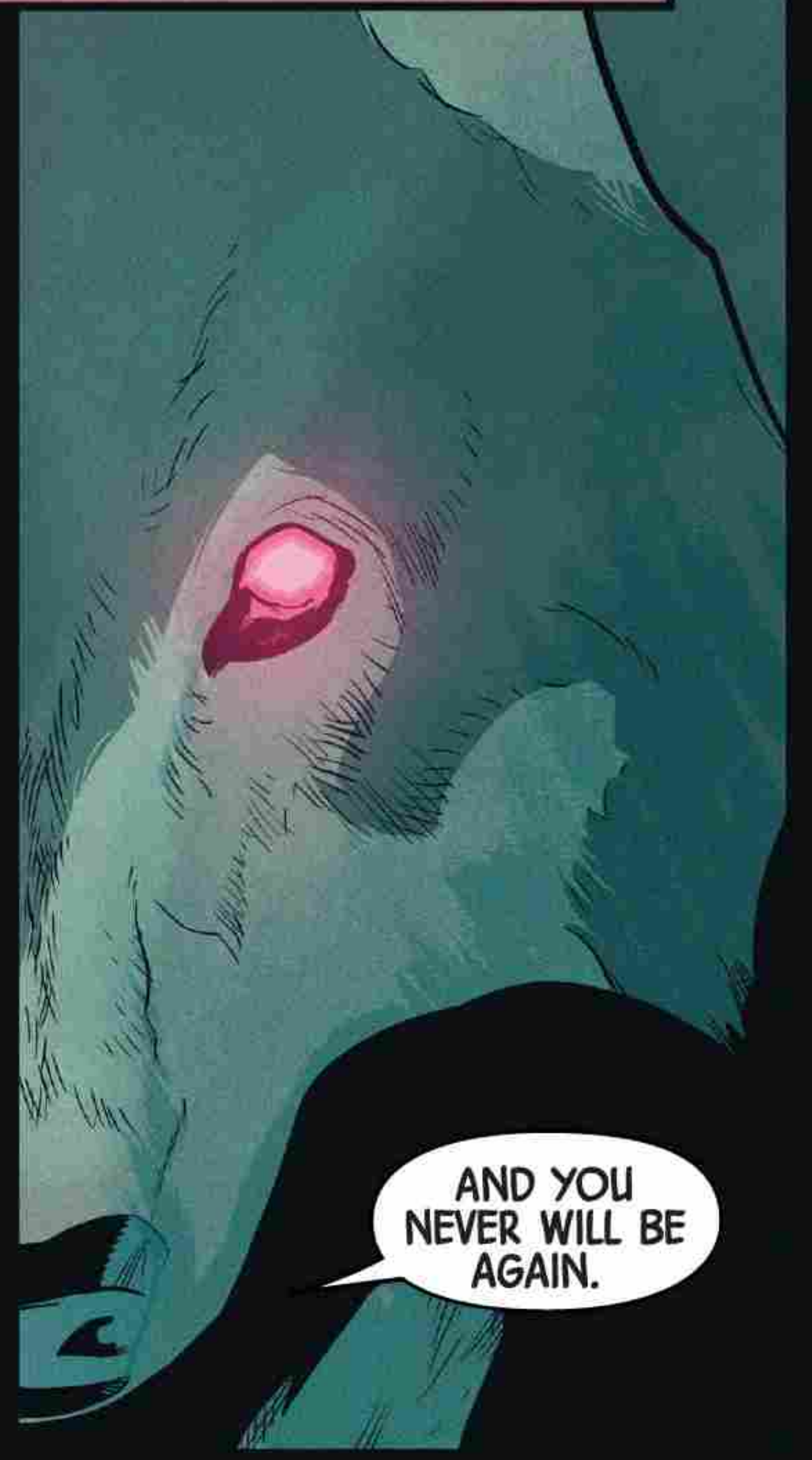






YOU
WISH TO
BE.

JUST AS
I DID.
BUT YOU
ARE NO LONGER
A MAN.



AND YOU
NEVER WILL BE
AGAIN.

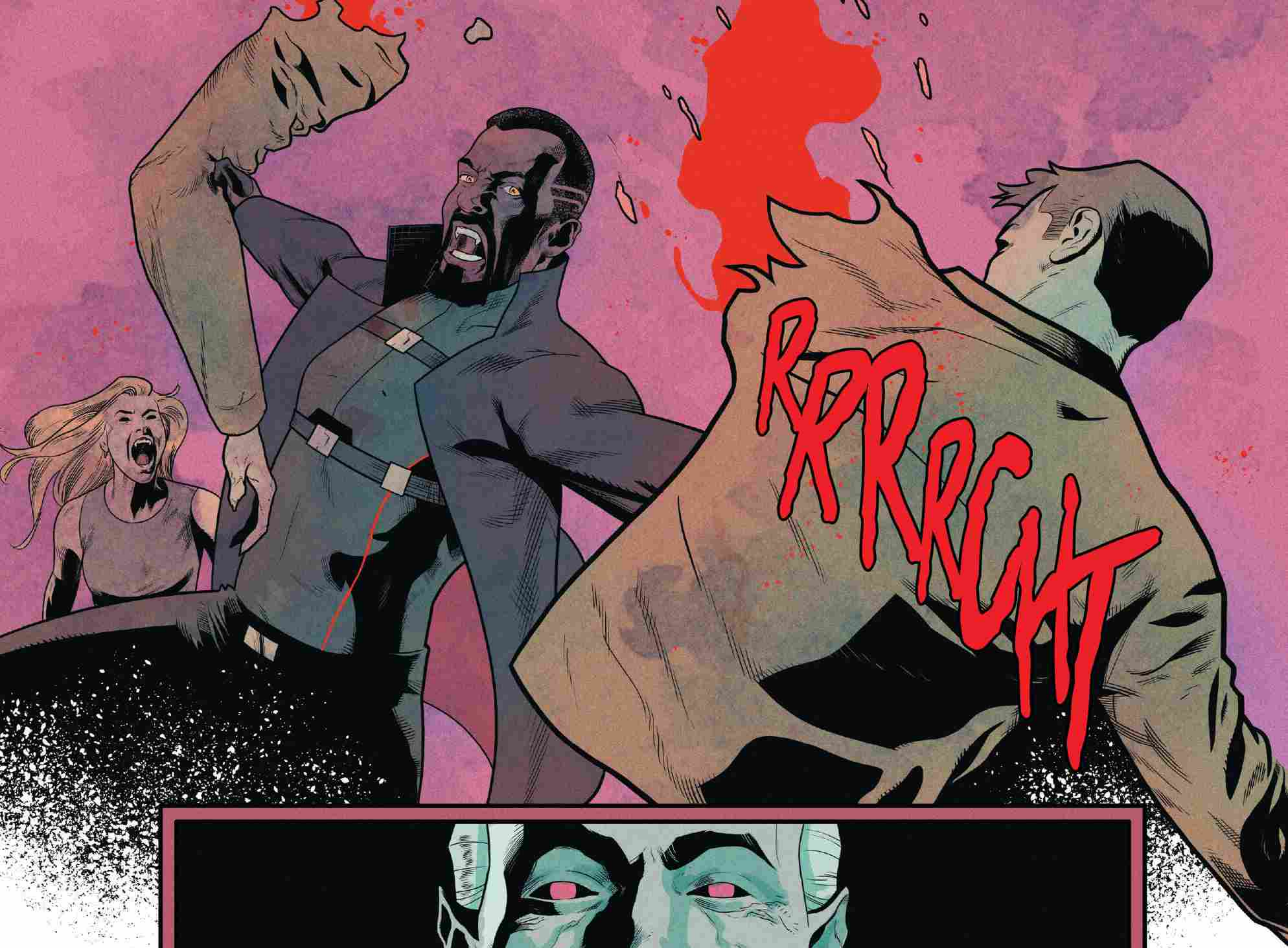


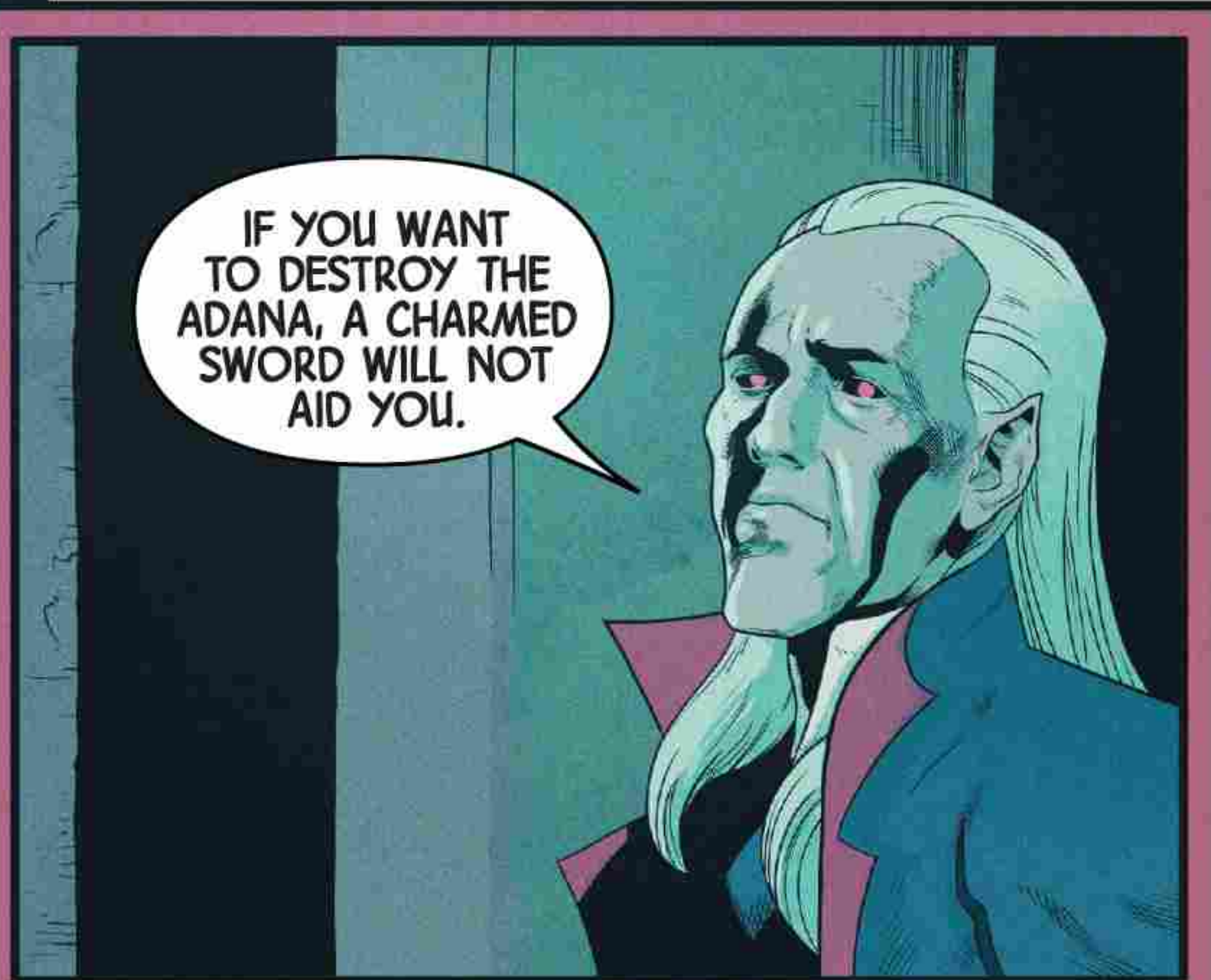
LET ME
REMINDE YOU
OF THE LIMITS
OF MAN.

MY
SOULLESS.
HAVE AT
HIM.











YOU TOUCHED YOUR NATURE, BLADE. I CAN TELL IT STILL HOLDS YOU.

THIS IS GOOD. BUT NOT ENOUGH.



IT WOULD TAKE ME GENERATIONS TO AWAKEN WHAT YOU'VE HIDDEN INSIDE YOU.



AND FROM WHAT I SENSE, THE ADANA HAS NOT GIVEN YOU MUCH TIME.



DRINK.



NO.



DMT FOR
A TRAUMATIZED
MIND. ADDERALL FOR
AN OVERACTIVE
CHILD.

THIS ISN'T
BLOOD. IT'S
PSYCHOTHERAPY.

NO.



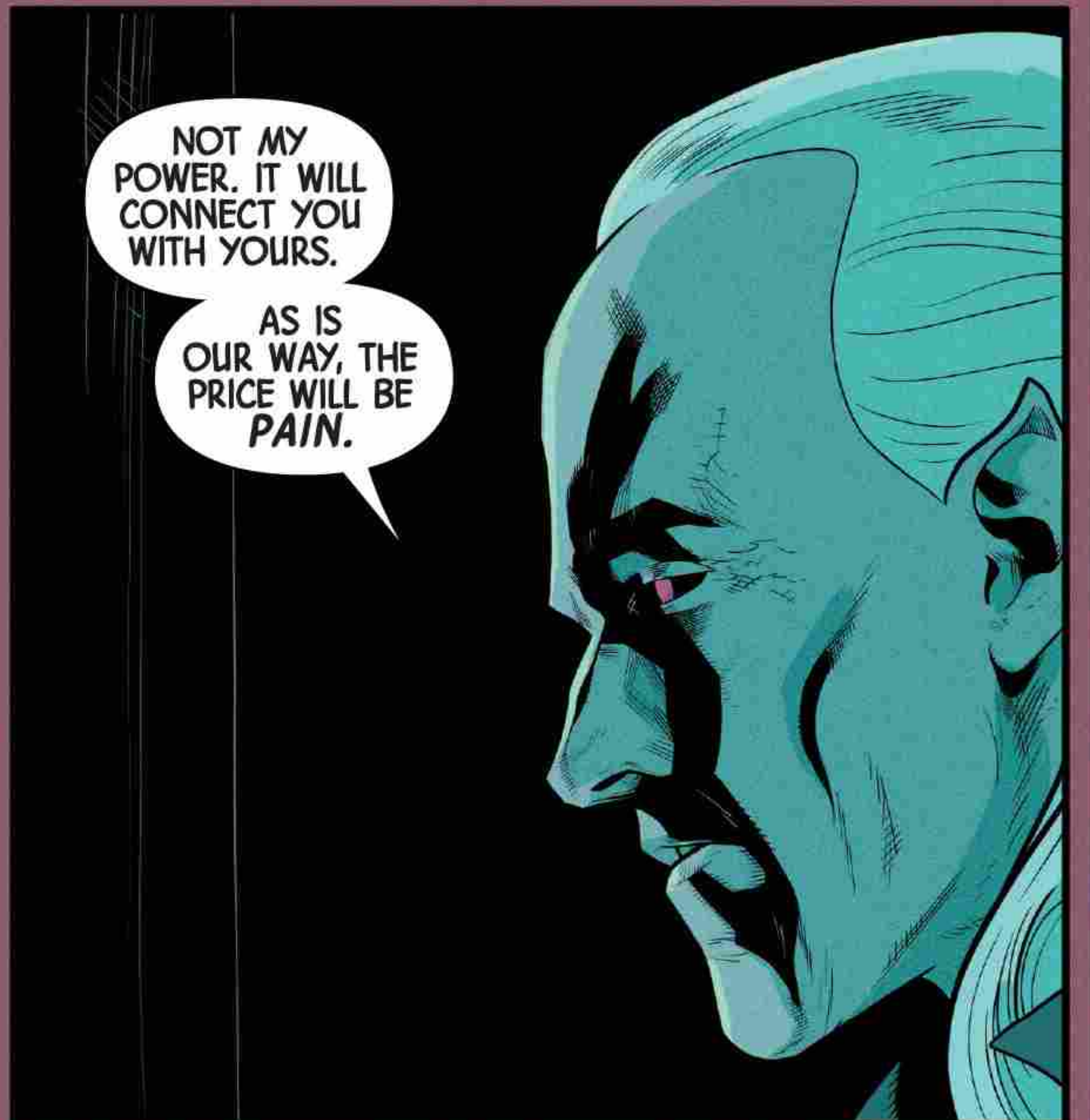
IT IS NO RUSE.
ALL IT WILL DO IS
SHOW YOU YOUR
SHADOW.

AND
MINE.

DRINK.



TO RECEIVE
YOUR POWER?
AT WHAT
PRICE?



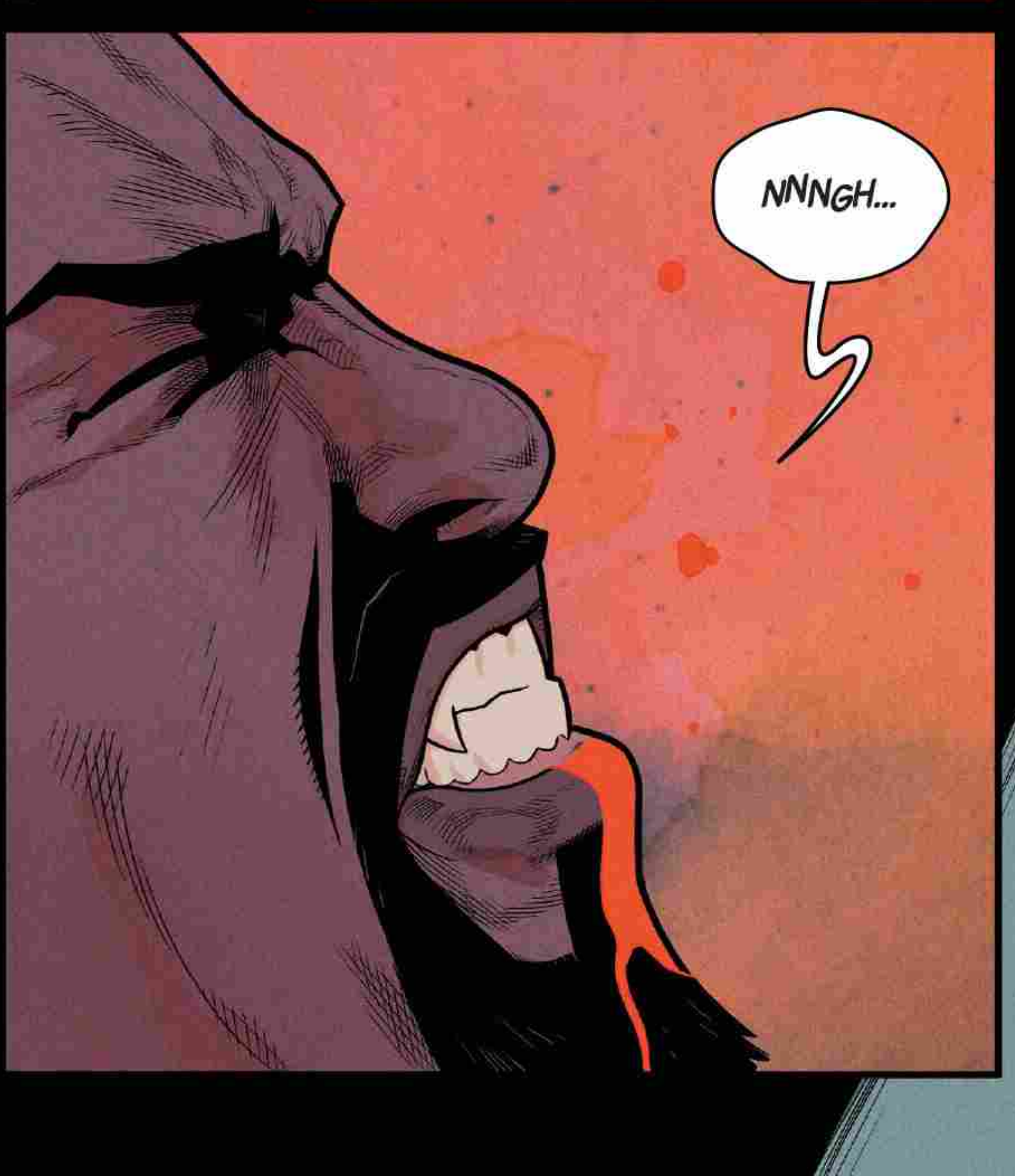
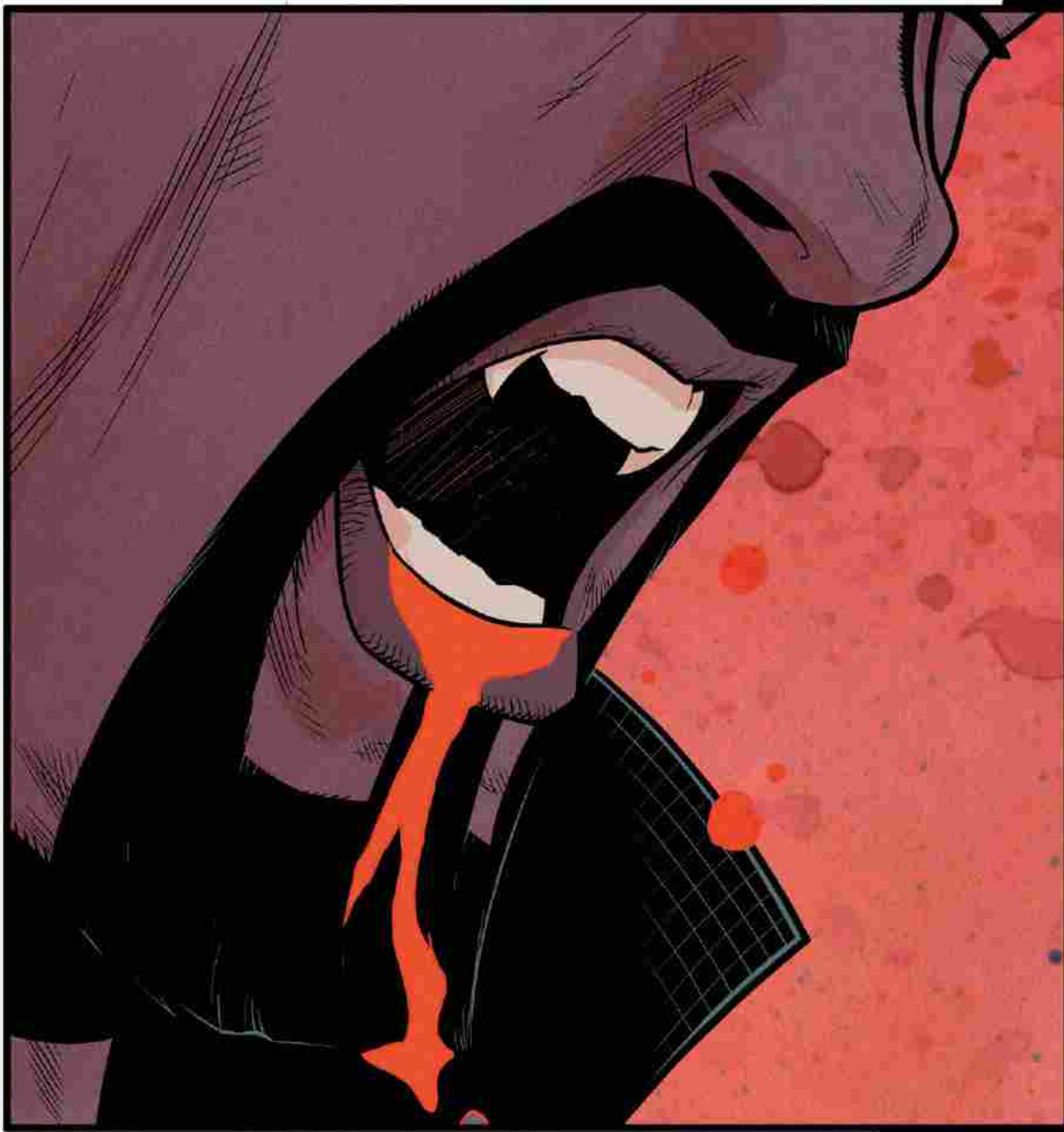
NOT MY
POWER. IT WILL
CONNECT YOU
WITH YOURS.

AS IS
OUR WAY, THE
PRICE WILL BE
PAIN.



WELL,
SINCE IT'S JUST
PAIN...







AAAAAAAAARRRRRRGGGGGGHHHHH



NOW...

...SHOW ME EVIL.



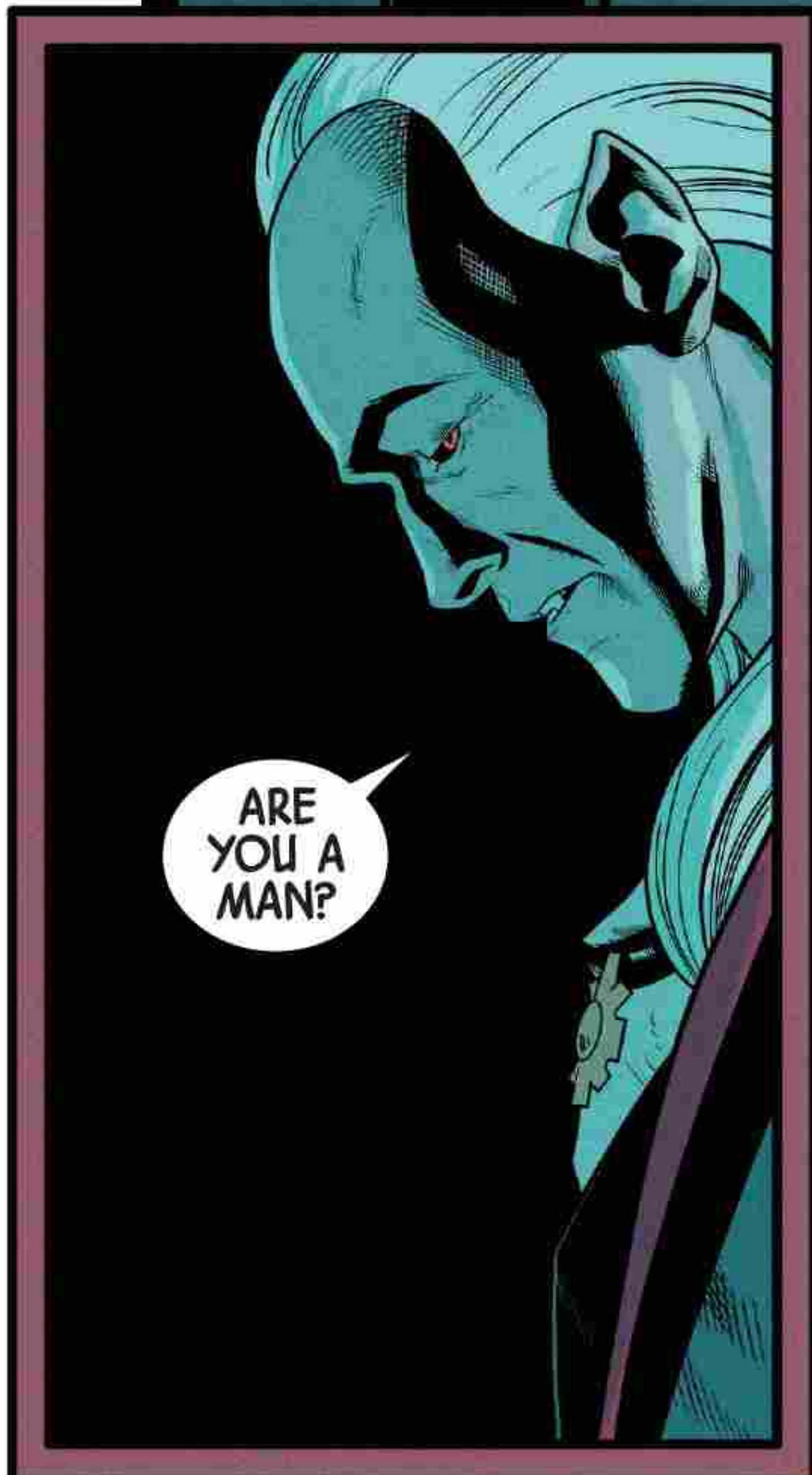
STRIGOI!



YOU FEEL
THE CONNECTION.
THE BOND TO SHADOW
ITSELF. NOW YOU CAN
SMELL EVERY TRACE OF
SOUL THAT HAS PASSED
THROUGH THIS
SPACE.

I BELIEVE
WHAT YOU
SHOULD FEEL IS...
GRATITUDE.

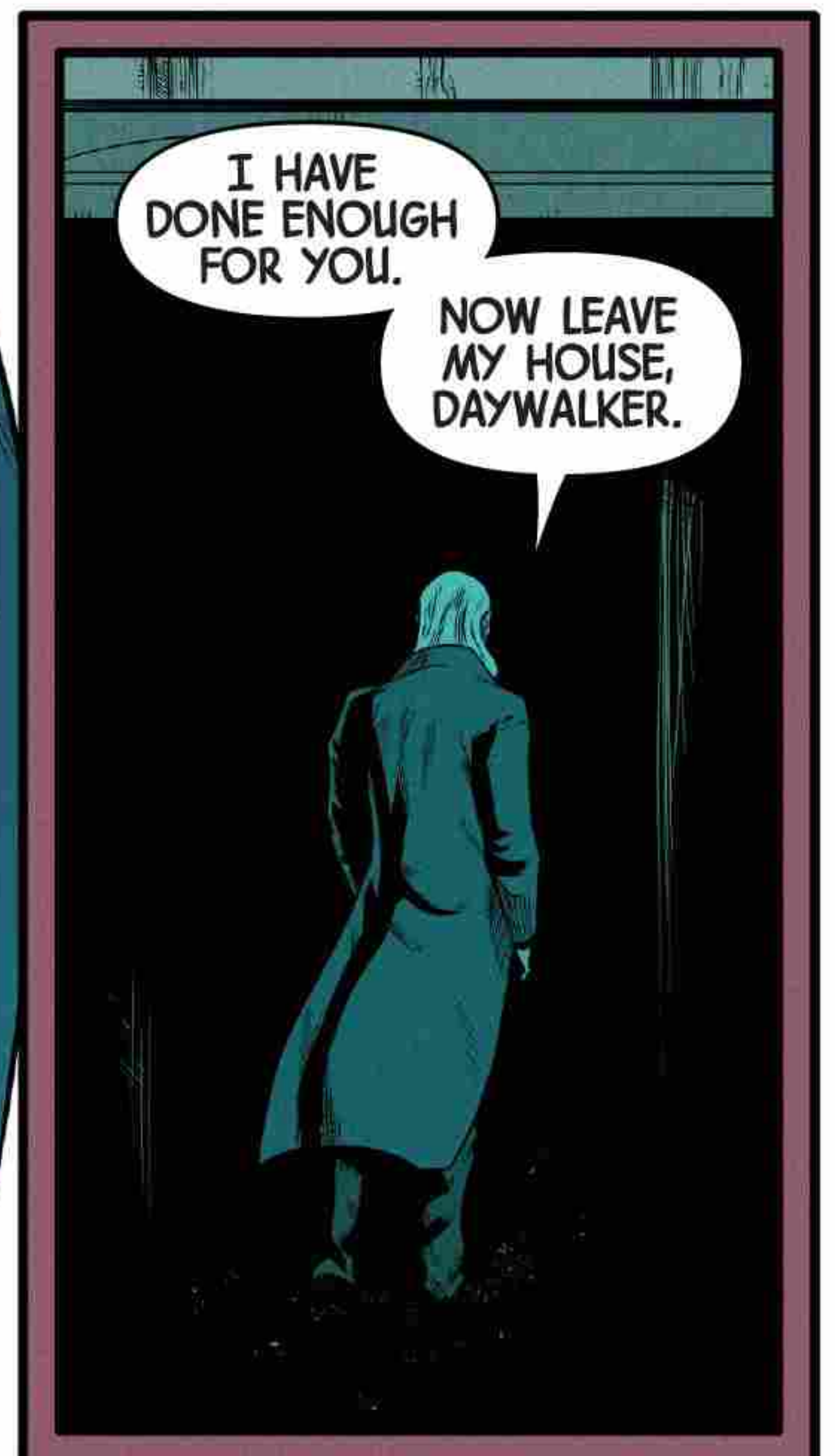
YOU HAVE
THE BLOODLINE
OF ETERNITY IN
YOUR VEINS.



ARE
YOU A
MAN?



NOT
ANYMORE.



I HAVE
DONE ENOUGH
FOR YOU.

NOW LEAVE
MY HOUSE,
DAYWALKER.

**SOMEWHERE
IN AMERICA.**

BLADE.

...THE
THINGS YOU
SAID WOULD BE
HAPPENING. WITH
THE ADANA.

THESE
THINGS ARE
HAPPENING
HERE.

IT'S
SOMETHING
YOU NEED TO
COME SEE. AND
DON'T TAKE
LONG.

BECAUSE
I'M GETTING
ANGRY.

NEXT:

**THE INCREDIBLE
HULK**

NEXT

MONSTERS HAVE BEEN PLAGUING THE HULK—AND THE ADANA JUST RELEASED LEGIONS MORE. BLADE JOINS HIM IN THIS CREEPY, MACABRE TALE OF SLAYING DEMONS!



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